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meetings shall be subject to the establishment of telephone communication between all such groups and the availability of loud speaker receivers for each group so that each member may participate in the discussions and other actions the same as if the committee were assembled in one place.

(c) For any recommendation of the committee pursuant to §911.53 as to the total quantity of limes deemed advisable to be handled during any week immediately following two or more continuous weeks of regulation pursuant to §911.54 nine members of the committee, including alternates acting for members, shall constitute a quorum and nine concurring votes shall be required. The quorum and voting requirements specified in this paragraph shall not apply to recommendations pursuant to §911.53 to increase the quantity that may be handled during the applicable week or pursuant to §911.54 to terminate or suspend a regulation.

(d) For any recommendation of the committee for an assessment rate exceeding \$0.20 per bushel to be applied pursuant to §911.41, the quorum requirement shall be eight members or alternates acting for members and eight concurring votes shall be required.

[22 FR 2527, Apr. 13, 1957. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 37 FR 10498, May 24, 1972; 43 FR 39320, Sept. 5, 1978]

§911.31 Expenses.

The members of the committee and their respective alternates when performing duties at the direction of the committee, shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties under this part.

[43 FR 39320, Sept. 5, 1978]

§911.32 Annual report.

The committee shall, as soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, prepare and mail an annual report to the Secretary and to each handler and grower who requests a copy of the report. This annual report shall contain at least: (a) A complete review of the regulatory operations during the fiscal year; (b) an appraisal of the effect of such regulatory operations upon

the lime industry; and (c) any recommendations for changes in the program.

[20 FR 4179, June 15, 1955, as amended at 22 FR 2527, Apr. 13, 1957. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961]

EXPENSES AND ASSESSMENTS

§911.40 Expenses.

The committee is authorized to incur such expenses as the Secretary finds are reasonable and likely to be incurred to enable the committee to exercise its powers and perform its duties in accordance with the provisions of this part during each fiscal year. The funds to cover such expenses shall be acquired by the levying of assessments as provided for in §911.41.

[20 FR 4179, June 15, 1955. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 35 FR 16626, Oct. 27, 1970]

§911.41 Assessments.

(a) Each person who first handles limes shall, with respect to limes so handled by him, pay to the committee upon demand such person's pro rata share of the expenses which the Secretary finds are reasonable and likely to be incurred by the committee during each fiscal year. Each such person's share of such expenses shall be equal to the ratio between the total quantity of limes handled by him as the first handler thereof during the applicable fiscal year and the total quantity of limes so handled by all persons during the same fiscal year. The payment of assessments for the maintenance and functioning of the committee may be required under this part throughout the period it is in effect irrespective of whether particular provisions thereof are suspended or become inoperative. If a handler does not pay his assessment within the time prescribed by the committee, the unpaid assessment may be subject to an interest charge at rates prescribed by the committee with the approval of the Secretary.

(b) The Secretary shall fix the rate of assessment per 55-pounds of fruit or equivalent in any container or in bulk, to be paid by each such handler. At any time during or after a fiscal year, the Secretary may increase the rate of assessment in order to secure sufficient